

CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, A COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

Approved Minutes for June 11, 2009 at Storm Engine Company Ambulance Corps. 151 Olivia Street, Derby, CT

Attendance: J. Paretzky, S. Mudge, R. McKeon, T. Lenart, P. Heavin

Guests: David Geloso

(7PM - 7:25 PM introduction to Storm Engine was made with the showing of a short video. The service was established in the early 1900's and is one of the few combined Fire, EMS, water rescue, vehicle extrication, canine search, Haz-mat response services in CT. The call volume is about 1000 EMS calls and 500 fire calls yearly. The service has both volunteers and paid staff. It is at the EMT-I level. Funding comes from billing for service and the fund raisers. The volunteer roster has 35-40 members at any given time. They have a tax abatement program in place.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

The minutes for the Volunteer Meeting on May 21 at the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, in Canaan, Ct was **Approved**

Chair Report

The request from the Volunteer Committee to have all MRT and EMT certifications be for three years was attached to a technical bill currently at the Capitol. We are not sure if it will be approved, the request was backed by OEMS. Jay will continue to track the bill.

The Volunteer Committee requested that the minimum staffing for all levels of EMS in CT would be changed to allow an MRT and any level EMT (B, I, and P) make up the minimum staffing requirements. The EMT B, I or P would be responsible for patient care during transport. A survey from EMS organizations in the state will be conducted to see the support for this request.

CORC submitted a proposal to the Advisory Board and state Legislators out-lining is plan to continue the Regional Councils with funding reduced by 20% from \$675,000 per year to \$540,000 for all five councils. The plan also shows efficiencies by having one audit, one accounting system, one contract and a reduction of duplication of administrative functions. The Councils will focus on the core missions, testing, providing assistance to EMS organizations and support the easing of administrative burden on Connecticut's volunteers. The Governor's budget

EMS-C has asked for suggestions for training. Suggestions were: PEP on line programs, Cardiac, Special needs, MCI and respiratory training for pediatric patients. EMSC Conference scheduled for October 24, 2009

Discussion about leaving reports at hospitals.

Phil Heavin reported on the CEMSMAC meeting.

National scope of practice being reviewed by the State .

CT OEMS reports for June reviewed. OEMS and the Education and Training Committee working on a state-wide EVOC

CT EMS Advisory Board activities reported by the Chair.

Next meeting : September 10 and November 12 Locations to be announced

We need hosts for the September and November meetings.

Please let Jay know if you can host us.

Adjourned 20:42

Phil Heavin, Secretary

Jay B. Paretsky Chair CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board

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